

Cairine Wilson S.S. Parent Council



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Cairine Wilson Secondary School

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Thursday, January 21. 2021

Chair: Heather Mawhinney

Secretary: Jennifer Pyne

Attendance:	Marcia O'Connor	Jennifer Coleman	Jennifer Pyne
	Derek Black	Heather Mawhinney	
	Ilham Atahi	Anne-Marie Robinson-Sisk	

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1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Heather at 7:05 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of November 2020 Minutes – Heather/Derek

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4. Chair's Report

- No Report

5. Student Representative Report

- School Council discussions have revolved mainly around discussions about the online learning model. Ilham reported that many students are finding it mentally hard. Students are also worrying about their marks.
- Many clubs are still operating virtually
- Ilham ask Jen C if she had any updates on the return to school. She reported that she had not heard anything official from the Board.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- Anne-Marie provided an update on behalf of staff.

FROM	Good news/requests/info to share:
Student Services	“Welcome To High School” presentation: Feb. 4th, 2021 starting at 7pm. Check school website for link
Student Services	Information for students regarding course selections for next year coming shortly
Student Services	“Pathways and Transition to High School” virtual presentations will be conducted next week at CW feeder schools
Race Relations	IDEA welcomed Jamal Jackson Rogers, local spoken word poet, at their last meeting. Following this event, the club will be having a spoken word contest coming in March. February the club will be creating videos and sharing information for Black History Month. They will also be running virtual workshops for Diversity Day (Feb. 11-12) Rosanna Deerchild will be joining us later in February. If any parents would like to join us or know of any potential presenters who would like to come speak to the group, please let us know.
Key Club	30 Hour Famine (done virtually) raised over \$600 for World Vision Coffee fundraiser raised the required funds to complete the maternity room in Liberia through I Care for Moms. The ward will carry the school’s name. Thank you for your support. Card to seniors for the holidays. The group is currently working on upcoming Earth Week initiatives.
Music/Band	Despite the lack of music class or band at the moment, a small, ragtag band of music students has been working together (well, apart...) to put together an entry for this year's CBC Music Class Challenge. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VT94NoVk5s&list=PLwz1WTRJS24L0q4yoMt1DFSfub4oDI-Zo&index=5

Link	Link has been working hard to plan virtual events for the students. Last week the students completed a Cairine Family Feud event. This week, they are participating in a murder mystery and trying to determine who killed Ms. Fabbro. The events have been planned by the students, way to go!
Club of Science	Grade 12 club member Ainsley Lewis prepared and submitted a proposal on “Effects of L-Glutamine Supplements on Post-Menopausal Osteoporosis” to the Ottawa Science Innovation Challenge OSIC Competition in December. Other students have been practicing making large crystals of Epsom salts at home.

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7. Principal's Report

- Jennifer reported added that once the grade 8 virtual sessions are done a FAQ will be posted for families.
- With regards to course selection, Jennifer reported that virtual high school will continue to be an option next year regardless of the pandemic situation. This could lead to a change in enrollment numbers and hence a change in staff number which would in turn could affect the selection of courses being offered. Because of this uncertainty, course selection will be later than usual. The option of AP courses is still under consideration for next year as well.
- School care staff are now working all shifts during the day. Additional painting is being done and they will be installing new white boards in the math classrooms.
- With the donation from Council last year, plus funds left in the school budget from last year, the school is able to complete the stage and drama lighting, put in a new projection screen and music system in the cafeteria as well as put a large screen in the gymnasium. This should all be completed by the end of March.
- This year's budget is approximately 63% of last year's. Any funds left from this year's budget will be spent on updating textbooks in math, science and social studies classrooms and potentially upgrading the staff desks, chairs and other furniture.
- Five CW students were nominated for Orleans Junior Achievement Awards—these students will be recognized at the school as well.
- Currently there a total of only 6 students attending classes in person in the special education classes.
- CW remains on the docket for getting another entrance built for the parking lot.
- It is anticipated that over the summer the school will get new electrical on the second floor which will help with heating/cooling issues. There is also the potential for a new roof.

7. Vice-Principal Report

- Laurie was not able to attend the meeting.

8. Financial Report

- Derek informed Council that the current balance is \$4613.78.

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- It was confirmed that we can carry forward funds due to the COVID situation.
- Anticipating the \$500 parent involvement money will come soon. This money can also be carrier forward if necessary.
- Council also discussed the funding of legacy projects vs small asks. At this time, there is currently no requests for funds and no immediate needs. Jen did ask Council to consider something that may boost staff morale. A few legacy projects were suggested including lights for the fields, additional outdoor bleachers, instruments, retractable bleachers in the gym, a student lodge which would double as a dedicated prayer space. Anne-Marie was going to ask staff if they had any other suggestions. Council asked that some estimates be prepared for some of the options.

9. Other Business

- An updated School Council Request Form was presented and suggestions for changes were made. This will be updated and shared with all staff. This will be the only accepted method for requesting funds from Council (including for legacy projects).
- Jennifer is working on some form of appreciation for staff.

10. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Thursday, February 18 @ 7pm.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.